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Identical letters dated 10 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instruction from my Government, I write further to our numerous letters regarding the refusal of Israel to implement authoritative international resolutions that require it to withdraw from all of the occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967 and its continued violation of international law and the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement. Furthermore, in response to the letter from the representative of Israel, the occupying Power, dated 13 March 2017 (S/2017/215), in which he alleged that Syria had violated the Agreement, I should to like to inform you of the following:

The command of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in Damascus informed the Syrian side that the occupying Israeli authorities had not informed UNDOF of those alleged "violations", nor had the Force documented such violations in accordance with the Agreement.

Based on the coordinates provided by the representative of the occupying Power, some 95 per cent of those alleged "violations" occurred in areas controlled by the armed terrorist groups that Israel protects and sponsors and to which it provides all forms of support. Those areas are in the southern part of the area of separation and in Qahtaniyah, Qunaytirah, Hamidiyah and Jubbata al-Khashab. That support is a continuation of the violations of the Agreement that have been committed by Israel, the occupying Power, and documented in numerous United Nations reports.

The letter of the representative of the occupying Power is part of the effort to cover up Israeli support for armed terrorist groups, including Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and the Nusrah Front, the repeated attacks by Israel against the sovereignty of Syria and Israel's targeting of civilians in towns and villages throughout the area of separation.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the United Nations and, in particular, the Security Council to take prompt measures to bring an immediate end to Israeli violations. It also calls upon the Organization to force Israel to cease its support for armed terrorist groups, in accordance with Council resolutions concerning counter-terrorism, press Israel to implement the relevant Council resolutions, in particular resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973) and 497 (1981), and compel Israel to withdraw from all of the occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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